



IFBA Membership Benefits

The International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA) is not-for-profit non-governmental organization of regional and national Biosafety Associations from all areas of the world. We are a global community of certified biorisk management professionals, scientists, laboratory personnel, architects, engineers, academics and policy makers who have a common interest in advancing biosafety and biosecurity.

IFBA Mission Statement - Safe, Secure and Responsible Work with Biological Materials

The IFBA's 2021-2025 *Vision of Tomorrow* strategic objectives are:

- Advancing sustainable risk-based biosafety and biosecurity
- Bridging the policy implementation gap in biosafety and biosecurity
- Cultivating the biosafety and biosecurity profession
- Diversity, equity & inclusion in biosafety and biosecurity
- Region to region collaboration

IFBA's Members

Member organizations are non-governmental regional and national Biosafety Associations with a clearly stated mandate to address issues in the subject areas of biosafety, biosecurity and biorisk management. IFBA member organizations possess a body of members who typically pay dues to the organization and are governed by a body of elected leaders possessing defined roles and responsibilities. Each member organization is officially represented at the IFBA by the President/Chair of that Association in addition to one other standing member from the organization. Each member is entitled to notice of all IFBA meetings, all information provided at the meetings, the opportunity to participate and the right to one vote on all matters requiring a decision by the membership.

An application for membership to the IFBA must be submitted by the petitioning organization to the IFBA Secretariat and signed by the President/Chair of the organization. The organization must also submit a copy of their Constitution/By-Laws, goals and objectives, membership, committee structure and other governing documents. Applications will be reviewed by the IFBA Secretariat and forwarded to the membership for approval. New members shall be admitted upon resolution of two-thirds of the IFBA members.

IFBA Member Biosafety Association Benefits

- Network with other Regional and National Biosafety Associations and biosafety professionals worldwide;
- Represent and advocate for national and regional biosafety issues and priorities at key international meetings;
- Be involved in IFBA's collective power for shaping international decision-making, standards and guidelines to strengthen global biosafety and biosecurity;
- Participate in projects and activities towards the implementation of the IFBA's 5 year strategic plan "*A Vision of Tomorrow*"
- Add to the expertise in IFBA's platforms for contributing to scientific issues in biosafety and risk-based biocontainment;
- Access to the IFBA Members Only key resources, training materials, communication platforms and chat rooms;
- Receive latest information through IFBA communications and newsletters; and,
- Participate in IFBA member meetings and vote on all matters requiring a decision by the membership.